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COMMISSION SEEKS

DPS 82235

NEW HYMN TUNES

NEW YORK (DPS, Nov. 11) -- *The Hymnal 1982* needs a tune-up.

General Convention's enthusiastic approval of the new, revised and retained hymns that will make up the new Hymnal leaves the Standing Commission on Church Music with the task of matching the texts to music. Many of the hymns in all three categories are already matched but the Commission has designated 88 texts for which they are seeking new tunes.

The Commission has published a list of the hymns by title, metrical designation and author and established a process for receiving proposed tunes.

Composers can obtain copies of the texts from Hymnal editor, Raymond F. Glover at the Church Hymnal Corp., 800 Second Ave., New York, NY 10017. The deadline for receipt of new tunes is June 15, 1983.

The submissions will be reviewed anonymously by members of the Commission's music committee which is chaired by Dr. Russell Schulz-Widmar.

Those hymns for which tunes are sought are listed on the following pages.

*Given to
Norm Mealy
NSP*

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EDWARDS CHANGES
ROLES AT SEMINARY

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EVANSTON, Ill. (DPS, Nov. 11) -- The Board of Trustees of Seabury-Western Theological Seminary acted at the fall convocation Oct. 14, to appoint the Very Rev. O.C. Edwards, Jr. as professor of Homiletics with tenure effective June 1, 1983. The board voted unanimously to accept Edwards' proposal that he move from serving the Episcopal Seminary as president and dean, which position he has held since Dec. 1974, to that of professor of homiletics.

In announcing his proposal for this move, Edwards urged the board to initiate a search immediately "for a new president with the gifts in management and fund raising that will be essential in the years ahead." As part of his closing remarks to the board, Edwards said, "I would like to go back to the work I know and love. I would like to pick up my life again as a teacher, a scholar and a writer. And I am very pleased that there seems to be a way to do that in this community."

At a special gathering of the Seabury-Western community, the Chairman and Co-Chairman of the board, the Rt. Rev. Robert M. Anderson of Minnesota, and the Rt. Rev. James W. Montgomery of Chicago, announced Edwards' resignation, recognized his contributions to growth and stability at Seabury-Western, and welcomed his continued presence and work in the community. Edwards, after a short personal statement, was recognized by a standing ovation.

Before coming to Seabury-Western, Edwards spent 10 years on the faculty of Nashotah House in New Testament exegesis and served also as sub-dean and acting dean. He received an honorary Doctor of Divinity from Nashotah in 1976. Edwards earned an M.A. and a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago and also holds a B.A. from Centenary College of Louisiana, an S.T.B. from The General Seminary, and an S.T.M. from Southern Methodist University.

A widely published and recognized author in religious publications, Edwards' most recent work, released in October 1982, is *Elements of Homiletic*, Pueblo Publishing Co., a companion volume to Aidan Kavanaugh's *Elements of Rite*. His other work includes additional books published in homiletics, in the early church, and in bible. He has published numerous articles in those fields as well as in theological education and evangelism.

Edwards serves on the Council of (Episcopal Seminary) Deans, Inc., the General Board of Examining Chaplains, the Board for Theological Education, the Board of Trustees for Kendall College, and the Board of Directors of the

Ecumenical Center for Stewardship Studies. He has also served on the Council for the Development of Ministry and the Panel of Consultants, Institute for Advanced Study of Religion, the University of Chicago. Edwards held cures in Baton Rouge, Abbeville, and Morgan City, La., in Waxahachie, Tex., and Chicago.

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NOTES:

Applications are now being received for three vacancies on the staff at the Episcopal Church Center in New York. In each case a resume and the names and addresses of three professional references should be sent by applicants to Barbara Quinn, Episcopal Church Center, 815 Second Avenue, New York, NY 10017. The three openings are:

1. Refugee Sponsorship Development Officer (in succession to Lloyd Jones): The prime responsibility of this position -- which is part of the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief in the World Mission Unit -- is the development of sponsors for refugees. Salary: \$22,076 - \$24,500. Deadline: Dec. 25, 1982.
2. Educational Coordinator for Women's Ministries (in succession to Betty Gray): This position is in the Education for Mission and Ministry Unit. The person is responsible for representing the special concerns of women and the church structures that represent their interests. Candidates must be active Episcopalians. Communication skills and experience in group management are essential. Salary: \$25,720 - \$28,500. Deadline: Jan. 15, 1983.
3. Executive for World Mission (in succession to Samuel Van Culin): This person is a member of the Presiding Bishop's Administrative Group and supervises the activities of the World Mission Unit, overseeing and coordinating work with the Church's overseas dioceses, Partners in Mission relationships, other churches in the Anglican Communion, economic development, the United Thank Offering, the Presiding Bishop's Fund, and the Ecumenical Office. Candidates must be active Episcopalians and must have the proven ability to handle a heavy, complex work load. Salary: \$40,000 - \$45,000. Deadline: Jan. 15, 1983.

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PENSIEVES

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by The Ven. Erwin M. Soukup
Editor of *Advance*, Diocese of Chicago

Note: The following items are for use by diocesan editors as fillers or commentary on the Church scene. They may be used in part or in total. All that is asked is that a tag line be used: Pensieves, Chicago.

The Anglican Digest reports that it finds in a new Seabury-Western Theological Seminary brochure the question: "Where Do Priests Come From?" *TAD* asks "Where Do Priests Go?" We, on behalf of disenchanted parishes and missions ask, "WHEN will they go?"

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The first food consumed on the moon were the elements of Holy Communion, the *Chimes* newsletter of Boise (Idaho), St. Michael's Cathedral reminds its readers. Astronaut Buzz Aldrin, an Episcopal layman, was the communicant. Obviously, the recent-past General Convention was ignorant of this event when it acted on whether to permit the laity to deliver the bread for the Eucharist. The House of Bishops gave permission; the clergy deputies in the House of Deputies gave permission; the lay deputies turned the proposal down!

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The Baptist Messenger tells us about the letter that Henry Ward Beecher received and which had only one word written on it: "Fool." The following week he read the letter from the pulpit, and he told his congregation, "I have received many letters from people who have forgotten to sign their names, but this is the first time I've received a letter from someone who signed his name but forgot to write the letter."

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Writing for a supplement to *The New York Times*, a feature writer noted, "So luxury is back, and what does it all mean? A lot more than meets the eye. Bargains, for one thing, and a lower divorce rate...." Tell that to Liz, and Frankie and Zsa Zsa, and Mickey, and.... What meets the eye is that for some people luxury and divorce seem to go hand in hand.

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Late night stygian meditation: "For what noble purpose has mankind been placed on earth?" Bright early morning perception: "Because the weeds need carbon dioxide."

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GIFTS, ANIMALS
SUPPORT HUNGER PROJECT

DPS 82238

by The Rev. Joseph C. Neiman
Editor, *The Western Michigan Churchman*

KALAMAZOO, Mich. (DPS, Nov. 11) -- Over \$50,000 in donations toward the relief of world hunger were announced during the 108th annual convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Michigan, which met in late October at the Cathedral of Christ the King here.

The majority of the donations and the two dozen animals blessed by the Rt. Rev. Charles E. Bennison before the convention Eucharist went to Heifer Project International, a non-denominational hunger relief program which ships breeding stock animals to selected needy families in various parts of the world.

"I'm especially pleased with these gifts of love," Bennison commented, "particularly at this time when economic conditions in Michigan are so distressful." Bennison blessed the goats, sheep, pigs, and heifers assembled by the parishes and missions on the cathedral grounds before being loaded into special trucks sent by Heifer Project to collect them.

In addition to the animals and cash donations raised, 25 congregations reported participating in local hunger relief projects ranging from the daily soup kitchen in Grand Rapids to the emergency food baskets in Portage, Mich.

Reacting to the severe economic conditions, the clergy and lay delegates from the 57 Western Michigan congregations rejected the proposed 1983 budget for the diocese and agreed instead upon an alternative figure, some \$70,000 lower submitted by the delegates from St. Andrew's Church in Big Rapids. The convention authorized the Executive Council to work with this figure and determine the spending priorities.

In other action the convention delegates adopted proposed new policy and guidelines for the diaconate, embraced tithing as "the minimum standard of giving for Episcopalians," and renamed the diocesan newspaper as *The Western Michigan Episcopalian*.

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Photo Caption

#82238 The Rt. Rev. Charles E. Bennison, Bishop of the Diocese of Western Michigan, blessed some two dozen animals assembled at the Cathedral of Christ the King in Kalamazoo at the beginning of the 108th annual convention of the

diocese. The animals, along with cash donations totalling nearly \$50,000, went to Heifer Project International. Pictured with Bennison is the Rev. Canon John L. Peterson who left after the convention to begin work as the new dean of St. George's College in Jerusalem. Chris Oman of St. Gregory's Church in Muskegon, Mich., holds one of the goats donated. (c 1982 Kairos News Photo).

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MEMO: MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (Nov. 11, 1982)

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TO : Diocesan Press Service Clients

FROM : Press Office

The 40-member Executive Council of the Episcopal Church will meet in New York City, Nov. 17-19. Most of the sessions will be held at the Episcopal Church Center (815 Second Avenue). The final plenary session of the Council only will be held at the Seamen's Church Institute (15 State Street, in lower Manhattan).

The Council sessions will begin at 9:00 a.m. each morning, and following lunch, there will be standing committee meetings (Wednesday) and a plenary business session (Thursday). The Council is scheduled to adjourn at noon on Friday. No evening business sessions are planned, though standing committees may meet after dinner on Wednesday and Thursday if necessary.

Agenda items have not yet been announced. Some General Convention resolutions -- which were adopted in New Orleans in September -- will be referred to appropriate standing committees of Council.

Council members who were recently elected by Convention and the provincial synods will take their seats at this meeting.

The Council sessions are open to members of the press, who are on their own for housing and meals. Those who plan to attend part or all of the sessions are asked to notify the Press Office at telephone #212/867-8400, ext. 401.

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SPANISH EPISCOPALIANS
TAKE PLACE AS 'ANGLICANS'

DPS 82241

MADRID (DPS, Nov. 11) -- A consecration, ecumenism, education and pastoral response -- it was all going on at once here in early November as the newest member of the Anglican Communion takes its place in Spain's Christian community.

At a time when thousands of Spaniards were lining the streets of Madrid to greet Pope John Paul II, 500 people packed a small church for quite a different event: the consecration of the Rev. Arturo Sánchez as bishop coadjutor of the Spanish Reformed Episcopal Church.

Sánchez was consecrated by diocesan Bishop Ramón Taibo, and assisted by Bishop Daniel de Pina Cabral, former bishop of Mozambique, representing the Archbishop of Canterbury; and Bishop John Krumm, bishop of the Convocation of American Churches in Europe representing the Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church.

Also taking part in the consecration were Bishop Leonardo Romero, bishop of Northern Mexico and president of Province IX; Bishop Robert C. Witcher, bishop of Long Island; Bishop Kenneth Howell, former bishop of Chile and secretary of the Spanish and Portuguese Aid Society based in London; Bishop John C. Duggan, bishop of Tuam, Ireland and Bishop Fernando Soares, bishop of the Lusitanian Church of Portugal.

Sánchez, 57, was born in La Mancha, the land of Don Quixote, and was ordained deacon in 1958 and priest in 1959. All his ministry has been at the Church in Valencia.

Sánchez will be installed as diocesan in September 1983 when Taibo will be 72, the canonical age for retirement in the Spanish Church. He and part of his family will live in an apartment next to the Cathedral in Madrid. The apartment is part of a building which has been renovated with the assistance of two grants from the United Thank Offering of the Episcopal Church.

For the first time in Spain a woman priest processed with the bishops and other clergy. The Rev. Mary Anderson, of Cleveland, Ohio, and a personal friend of the Sánchezes from her college days in Spain, was greeted with enthusiasm by friends and ecumenical observers. "It is the first time that I have seen a woman priest and it is not a bad idea," said Sister María José, of the Missionaries of Unity in Madrid.

Present also was the Most Rev. Miguel Roca, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Valencia and national secretary of ecumenism for the Conference of Bishops.

The day after the consecration, clergy and several lay leaders of the Spanish Church met at a retreat house in El Escorial for a theological education seminar conducted by Episcopalians, including Witcher; the Rev. Luis Quiroga who will be appointed to serve as a missionary in Spain; the Rev. Herbert Arrunátegui, national Hispanic officer who explained the structure and content of the new Book of Common Prayer in Spanish, and the Rev. Onell A. Soto, mission information officer who lectured on the Anglican Communion today.

The two bishops and three other clergy met with Pope John Paul II at the Nunciature in Madrid. Taibo, representing the non-Roman Christians in Spain, greeted the Pope and said that they were happy with the new laws that allow freedom of worship in the country.

"It was unthinkable to have this meeting here just a few years ago," said Taibo, "but today we rejoice that the climate of intolerance and even hostility in the past has changed to one of understanding and mutual respect today."

The Pope answered the message acknowledging "the suffering of the past" but thanking God that that situation has been overcome. The bishops presented the Pope with a popular version of the New Testament which has been done by an interconfessional committee, presided over by Taibo.

But, not all was joy and peace. The members of the Spanish Church received a report from the Rev. Manuel Melgarez that the Church in Carcagente, near Valencia, had been destroyed by a tremendous flood and that he and seven members of the Church had lost all their possessions.

A special offering was collected and prayers were offered for these and other victims. In New York, the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief began processing a grant for relief to Carcagente.

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